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Representative Kevin Eisenheimer
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BY: _____

Dear Representative Eisenheimer:

It has come to my attention that Bill HB 4398, the unification of the State's Zoning Enabling Acts, is scheduled to be taken by the House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use and Environment Committee at the end of May. This bill would unify the State's three zoning enabling acts into a single act. Consolidating the Township, City/Village and County Zoning Acts would be very beneficial, and would be a tremendous help in having more concise and readable zoning ordinances in the same format, and provide continuity to the Planning and Zoning process. Gove Associates firmly supports this bill.

Having one zoning enable act and one planning act instead of three would require less time to process. Also common procedures for public hearing notices and common powers and responsibilities would be of help, and the reorganization of sections into a more logical order would certainly be beneficial to citizens and communities of Michigan. Gove works with many communities on their zoning ordinances and would strongly recommend the HB 4398 Bill be passed.

Sincerely,

GOVE ASSOCIATES, INC.



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